

# California OES Weather Threat Briefing

Saturday, December 12, 2020  
9:00 AM PDT

- **Day 1 (Saturday):** Elevated fire weather concerns persist across central and southern portions of the state with continued dry conditions and gusty winds. A weather system will bring periods of rain and mountain snow today to northern CA, with potential travel impacts over mountain highways.

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# **WEATHER KEY POINTS**

**12/12/20 - 12/18/20**

## **Saturday-Sunday**

- Elevated fire weather conditions persist across central and southern CA with gusty winds of 40-60 mph and continued dry conditions.
- A weather system will move across northern California through the weekend, bringing periods of rain and mountain snow, generally above 4000 ft.
  - Slippery driving conditions are possible and could bring possible travel delays and chain controls for mountain highways such as I-5, I-80 and Highway 50
  - Periods of moderate to locally heavy rainfall are possible
- King tides and heavy surf will bring potential coastal flooding along Humboldt Bay on Sunday morning.
- Isolated thunderstorms are possible along the northern coast on Sunday

## **Monday - Friday**

- Elevated to locally critical fire weather concerns will still be possible across central and southern CA due to dry conditions and breezy winds
- King tides and heavy surf will bring potential coastal flooding along Humboldt Bay on Monday morning.
- A few showers could linger on Monday, but most locations across northern CA will see drier weather Monday, before another storm moves across the north late Tuesday through Thursday



# CALIFORNIA WEATHER IMPACTS

**12/12/20 - 12/18/20**

<u>Hazards / Day</u>	<b>SAT</b>	<b>SUN</b>	<b>MON</b>	<b>TUE</b>	<b>WED</b>	<b>THU</b>	<b>FRI</b>
<b>Non-Thunderstorm Damaging Winds</b>	Inland/ Southern						
<b>Snow</b>	Inland Mtns	Coastal/ Inland Mtns					
<b>Coastal Flooding</b>		Coastal Humboldt County					
<b>River Flooding</b>							
<b>Thunderstorms</b> (Wind / Hail / Tornadoes)							
<b>Fire Weather</b> (Low Humidity / Wind / Dry Thunderstorms)	Inland/ Southern	Inland/ Southern	Inland/ Southern	Inland/ Southern	Inland/ Southern	Inland/ Southern	Inland/ Southern
<b>Heat Risk</b>							
<b>Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding / Debris Flow</b>							
<b>Cold</b>							



No Impacts



Minimal Impacts



Moderate Impacts



Severe Impacts

# PRECIPITATION FORECAST

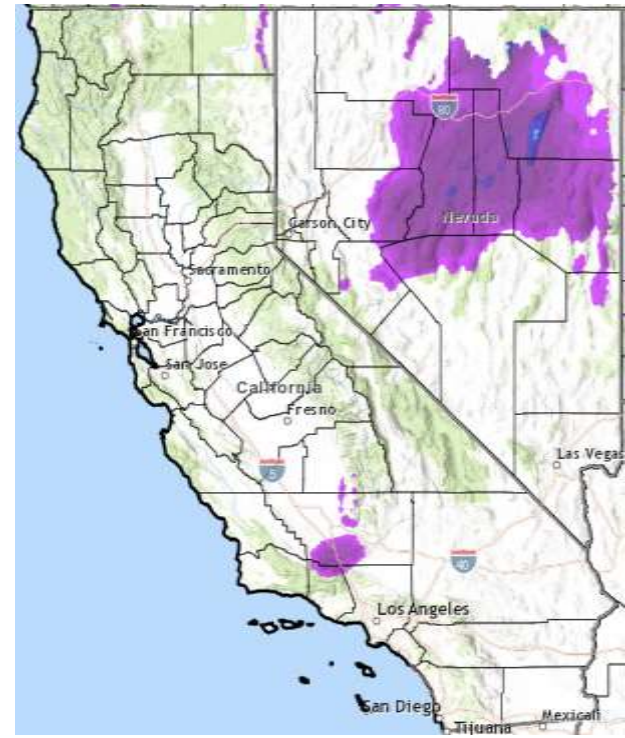
12/12/20 - 12/14/20



**Saturday**



**Sunday**

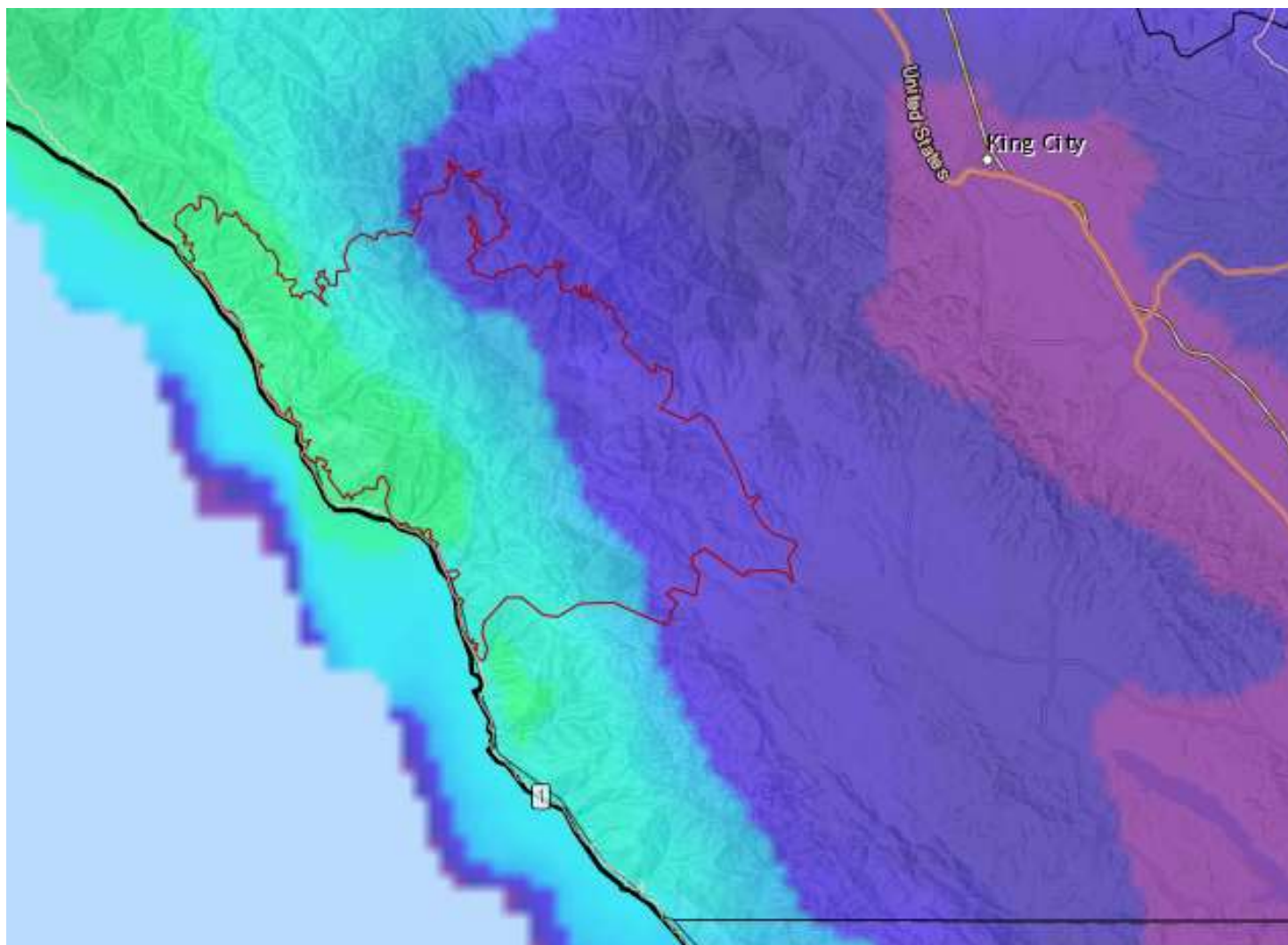


**Monday**

**Precipitation (inches)**



## PRECIPITATION FORECAST – DOLAN BURN SCAR



Valid through 4AM Tuesday  
Total precipitation 0.15-0.5"

Precipitation (inches)



# **WEATHER OUTLOOK**

## **12/17/20 - 12/25/20**

### **6-10 Day Outlook (December 17 – December 21)**

#### **Temperatures**

- Above normal temperatures favored statewide

#### **Precipitation**

- Below normal precipitation strongly favored across southern CA. Near to above normal precipitation favored across central and northern CA.

### **8-14 Day Outlook (December 19 – December 25)**

#### **Temperatures**

- Above normal temperatures favored statewide

#### **Precipitation**

- Below normal precipitation favored across central and southern CA. Above normal precipitation favored across far northern CA





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